

(g) if so, the places where this amount likely to be spent for repairing of the roads?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) Government of India has recently negotiated with the World Bank the Andhra Pradesh Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Cyclone Recovery Project with an assistance of US \$ 150 million. Restoration of the public infrastructure affected by the cyclones of October and November, 1996 including the East Godavari District has been provided in the Project.

(c) and (d) The assistance under the Project will be utilised for restoring the public infrastructure affected by the cyclone during October and November, 1996, preparing and implementing a long term natural hazard management programme, and enhancing early warning capabilities for cyclone and wind forecasting in Andhra Pradesh.

(e) An allocation of Rs. 209.00 crores has been provided under the Project for State and rural roads.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Project on Bird Protection

5782. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are implementing a Project on Bird Protection;

(b) if so, the objectives and activities of this Project and the budgetary provisions, the time form which it is in operation and the Agency responsible for its operation;

(c) the progress made in achieving the objectives for which the Project was started;

(d) whether review of its working has been taken in the recent past; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) No, Sir, the Government do not have any separate Project on bird protection. However the birds listed under the Schedule I and Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, are protected against

hunting. In addition a number of avifauna rich areas are covered by National Parks & sanctuaries to ensure protection of habitat for birds.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Foodgrains Stock in Rajasthan

5783. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the location of godowns of Food Corporation of India at present and the quantity of foodgrains stored therein, separately;

(b) the reasons of taking much time in the loading and unloading of foodgrains at these godowns;

(c) the quantity of foodgrains went in waste in the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Rajasthan during each of the last three years;

(d) the reasons of less inflow of foodgrains in these godowns this year; and

(e) the amount spent on the maintenance and development of these godowns during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) A Statement-I containing the details of location of godowns in Rajasthan alongwith the quantity of foodgrains stored therein is attached.

(b) Generally, there is no delay in loading/unloading of foodgrains since loading/unloading of the stocks is completed within the free time made available to the Corporation by the railways. However, in certain cases demurrage/warefage has to be paid due to reasons beyond the control of the Food Corporation like less supply of labourers by Handling and Transport contractors, agitations and go slow tactics by departmental labour.

(c) A Statement-II containing the details of the storage losses sustained in Rajasthan during the last three years is enclosed.

(d) The figures of movement of foodgrains to Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:

Year	Inter-State Account			Intra-State Account			Grand Total		
	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total
1994-95	5.91	3.62	9.53	3.41	0.22	3.63	9.32	3.84	13.16
1995-96	0.80	0.42	1.22	3.55	0.04	3.59	4.35	0.46	4.81
1996-97	5.57	-	5.57	6.54	0.04	6.58	12.11	0.04	12.15